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Application No. : **2,279,684**
Owner : **VTECH COMMUNICATIONS, LTD.**
Title : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TELEPHONE CALL FRAUD
DETECTION AND PREVENTION**
Classification : **H04M-1/66**
Your File No. : **T8465229CA**
Examiner : **S.Chhim**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE PATENT RULES, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE PATENT ACT, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 4 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined taking into account applicant's correspondence dated July 20, 2001.

The number of claims in this application is 25.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

References Applied:

Canadian Applications

2,236,086
2,116,462

December 12, 1998 H04Q-7/22
April 16, 1995 H04M-15/00

Waughman et al.
Hogan et al.

United States Patents

5,809,125
5,805,686

September 15, 1998 379/189
September 8, 1998 379/198

Gammino
Moller et al.

Waughman et al. disclose a method for detecting fraud in a wireless communication system. During a first access to the system using a subscriber account, the system stores data identifying the first access in a database. During a second subsequent access to the system using the same subscriber account, the system retrieves the stored data identifying the first access and transmits at least a portion of the retrieved data to the wireless device used for the second access. The user of the device reviews the data, determines whether the first access

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was authorized, and sends a response to the system indicative of whether the first access was fraudulent. If the response indicates that the first access may have been fraudulent, the wireless service provider may take appropriate action.

Hogan et al. disclose an invention relating to a call-processing system and method.

Gammino discloses an invention relating to a method and apparatus for intercepting potentially fraudulent telephone calls.

Moller et al. disclose an invention relating to a telephone fraud system.

The claims on file do not comply with Section 28.3 of the Patent Act. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Waughman et al. or Hogan et al. or Gammino or Moller et al..

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under Section 29 of the Patent Rules, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the corresponding United States and European Patent Office applications and the patent numbers, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. If the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

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